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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-29, 31-32, 34-43, 47-80 and 83-86 without  
prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' rights to pursue the subject  
matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Please amend  
claims 30, 33 and 46 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)  
as follows. A marked up version of the amended claims wherein the  
deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is  
underlined is attached hereto as Exhibit A:

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(Amended) A vaccine which comprises a therapeutically  
effective amount of the protein encoded by a nucleic acid  
which comprises a nucleotide segment having a sequence  
encoding a complex comprising a viral surface protein and

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